

REMARKS

A notice of allowance in this case was mailed on September 30, 2005. The issue fee is due on December 30, 2005. In reviewing the application prior to payment of such fee, the undersigned learned that research of the claimed invention was supported by a grant from the federal government. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the specification be amended to include a statement of government interest, as set forth above.

It is respectfully submitted that the proposed amendment affects only formal matters in this application. It does not affect the scope of claims. It does not change the disclosure set forth in the specification. And, it does not introduce any new matter. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that it should be entered.

The Examiner's consideration and favorable action on this amendment are respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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